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Response To Requirement for information and interviews of March 2010

Sir,

The applicant thanks the examiner Mr. Mc Phillip and the supervisory examiner Ms. Beth Boswell for Interviews this week and the very helpful guidance.

As directed, the applicant provides below basis for the three items noted:

1. Computing device - now amended to computing means.
2. Implied and explicit reference to physical structure and components such as establishing and posting.
3. support for iterating over nth and (n+1)th level Trust members.

The applicant respectfully submits that the application relates to professional collaboration networks. Such a network can only be an information network (with representation of members). Further, for example Figs 5, notes that for execution there is a "screen for member posting"; "Post to Trust network of choice". Furthermore, on the same Fig 5., there is reference to the use of databases in the notes.

The applicant submits that the use of screens, including posting to such a screen and the use in the same context can only be screens that are a part of a computing means. Moreover as the invention relates to a professional collaboration network that is an information network, in the context of the present invention the information network comprises a computing means.

Accessing data and posting data in databases was well established at the time of filing of the invention. The background art at that time was replete with references for such computing means including means for computing and combining information as required in the present invention. For example, languages that comprise one or more of "C", "C++", Fortran, LISP, MS Access and MS Excel, client server architectures running Oracle, and combinations thereof could implement using known techniques of programming at the time of filing of the invention, create databases, access from and post to the databases and combine fields and compute functions of such fields of data in such databases.

Posting information to databases using query languages and posting to Web sites (fig34) was common practice and approaches for achieving these tasks were replete in the background art at the time of filing in 2003.

The objective of the present invention is not the creation of the technologies inherent in computing means that were available in the background art but to use such technology for the present invention.